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ISSUES OF INDIAN & COLONIAL FREEDOMS —ACID TEST OF BRITAIN'S SINCERITY

(FROM A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT)

LONDON, December 10.

COMMENTING ON TEHERAN IN TO-DAY'S "NEW LEADER" MR. FENNER BROCKWAY SAYS: "THE POLITICAL SECTION OF THE DECLARATION CONTAINS LITTLE BUT PLATITUDES. IT IS SINCERITY, AS FAR AS THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT ARE CONCERNED, THAT CAN IMMEDIATELY BE PUT TO TEST. IF MR. CHURCHILL IS CONCERNED TO END TYRANNY AND REALISE FREEDOM, HE CAN START WITH INDIA AND THE COLONIES AT ONCE. HE CAN REMOVE THE BAN ON THE CONGRESS, RELEASE THE PRISONERS, RECOGNISE INDIA'S RIGHT TO INDEPENDENCE AND ACCEPT A NATIONAL GOVERNMENT RESPONSIBLE TO THE INDIAN PEOPLE."

Pankhurst Criticises Smuts' Proposals

(From Our Correspondent).

LONDON, Dec. 10.

Referring to the recent speech of Field Marshal Smuts, Miss Sylvia Pankhurst writes: General Smuts' remarks on the colour question in the British Empire were disappointing. In the British Empire, South Africa is a black patch in relation to colour bar. Several utterances of Gen. Smuts had given rise to the hope that he would now set his face against colour bar and would employ his great influence and prestige to undermine it. His statement that it will be generations before any solution can ever be reached is saddening. We urge more courageous attitude. Numerically, the British Empire is predominantly a black Empire. Let Britain at the close of war, resolve to make an effort on the scale she is making to win the war and afford adequate schools and hospitals for aboriginal peoples in the farflung territories overseas for which she has assumed responsibility. Let her look also to the possibilities of economic prosperity. If there were no colour bar, there would have been no colour conflict. African peoples and their friends in Britain could view Gen. Smuts' proposals to group British colonies with the Dominion of South Africa without dismay but as things are, they are dreaded and opposed.

AUSTRALIAN DEMAND

WELLINGTON, Dec. 10: Mr. T. G. Dalton, the New Australian High Commissioner, who has just arrived here, said in an interview that the Dominions in the Pacific would be profoundly affected perhaps for half a century by the decisions of the Peace Conference. Australia and New Zealand must, therefore, come yet closer in order to speak with one voice. That was the view of the Australian Government.

"I say quite frankly" he said "that Australia and New Zealand are making a contribution in men, money and materials to the very limit of our resources. That was our plain duty for our self-preservation and common destiny because a divided Empire must, in the long run perish and so we are entitled to be heard in the Grand councils of the United Nations now and when post-war problems are planned on an international basis."—Reuter.

Four Hours' Shift For Flour Mills

LAHORE, December 10.

The Flour Mills in Lahore which have been lying idle for the last four days as a consequence of the Punjab Government's order prohibiting the supply of consumption for industrial purposes of electric energy have now been permitted to work for four hours daily from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m.

It is understood that the Chief Electrical Engineer of the Lahore Electric Supply Company has proceeded to Bengal to procure the supply of coal for the company.—A.P.

Coal Shortage In Patna

PATNA, Dec. 10.

Owing to the shortage of coal, the electric supply for Monghyr town will be cut off between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. from the 9th December 1943, till the coal position has eased states a press note.—A.P.

LATEST COMMERCIAL

COTTON (Market)

New York, Dec. 10.

Previous Closing	19.31
To-day's Opening	19.36
Difference	+05
To-day's Closing	19.55
Difference	+24

New York Stock Exchange

New York, Dec. 10.

Stock Exchange opening prices: General Motors $50-3/8.

Anaconda Copper Mining $24-3/8. U. S. Steel Corporation Common $51-3/8.

U. S. Steel Preference unquoted.—Reuter.

MADRAS SHARE BAZAR

MADRAS, Dec 10

Deccan 35/8, Deccan 78 India Sugar 19/4, Jeypore 19/4, Mysore Sugar 63, South India 13/10

PLANTINGS: Cochin Malabar 17/9, Chembra Peaks 12/8, High Produce 48 Kalpettas 50/8, Malankara 94, Manalur 8/6 Midland 16/2 Ouchterlony 15/8 Valkundam 20/12 Vellamalai 28, Vellitam 35/5, Woodlands 16/4.

NEW STATUS FOR INDO-CHINA

French Committee's Assurance

NEW DELHI, Dec. 10.

The following is the official text of a statement on the future status of Indo-China issued by the French Committee of National Liberation at Algiers:—

"The enterprise of war and conquest carried on by Japan to impose her domination on free territories of the Far East and on the Pacific fell on Indo-China in 1940. Deprived of any outside help, as the great democracies were then insufficiently organised and linked together and therefore could not give her the assistance which would have been necessary, Indo-China despite her resistance was contrived to yield to the enemy's demands.

"Cession to Siam, Japan's ally, of provinces of Batterbang, Siemreap, Sisophon and of the right bank of Mekong River in Laos, establishment of Japanese control over Tankin, later on progressive infiltration of Japanese troops all over the territory of Indo-China such were the different stages that marked out the Japanese invasion. To this display of conquest and might, Free France never surrendered. On December 8, 1941, just after the Japanese attack against Pearl Harbour the French National Committee declared itself at war with Japan. France solemnly denies every act and every cession of territory that may have been accomplished in complete disregard of her rights and of her interests. Bound to the United States, she will go on fighting by their side until complete defeat of the aggressor and total liberation of all territories of the Indo-China Union.

"And she will bear in mind the memory of nobleness and of rectitude of reigning sovereigns, France will not fail to remember the proud and loyal attitude of Indo-Chinese peoples, the resistance which, by our side, they opposed to Japan and to Siam, and the faithful bonds which tied them to the French community.

"To these peoples who have been able to assert both their national feeling and their sense of political responsibility, France means to give a new political status by which within the French community and within the framework of federal organisation, Franchise of different countries of the Union will be reshaped and established on a wider scope, a status whose institutions will have a more liberal character without losing the features of Indo-Chinese traditions and civilisation. Thereby at last all Indo-Chinese will have access to every situation and every public function of state.

"Within this reform of political status, there will be a recasting of economic status of the Union which based on a system of autonomy concerned with customs and taxes, will assure its own prosperity and contribute to neighbouring countries as well.

"Finally, friendly relationship and entertainment of neighbouring feelings with China, the development of our intellectual relations and of our economic bonds with this great country, will guarantee Indo-China in the part that is to become her to-morrow, a peaceful and fruitful future.

"This it is France's intention to carry on in free and close association with the Indo-Chinese peoples, the mission entrusted to her in the Pacific".—United Press.

NEWS IN BRIEF

BOMBAY, Dec. 10.—Volunteer Laurence Collier Sanders of the American Field Service, now serving in India, has been cited by King George for "courageous conduct", while attached to the Eighth Army in North Africa, according to word received by the American Field Service Headquarters here.—A.P.

BRISBANE, Dec. 10.—Ex-Prime Minister Mr. Arthur W. Fadden has been awarded one thousand sterling for defamation against Mr Clarence Fallon, Labour Campaign Director, in the last election and against the newspaper 'Worker'.—Reuter

WESTMINSTER, Dec. 10.—A message of greetings from the Presidium of the People's Political Council of China to the British Parliament was read in the House of Commons to-day by the Speaker (Colonel Clifton Brown).—Reuter.

KARACHI, Dec. 10.—It is learnt in authoritative quarters to-day that there will be no objection to Government servants attending as visitors the forthcoming session of the All-India Muslim League at Karachi.—A.P.

PESHAWAR, Dec. 10: Four Khudai Khidmatgar leaders from Mardan and Utmanzai have been released on parole for different periods.—United Press.

Cabinet Crisis In Bulgaria

Opposition Attacks On Govt.'s Foreign Policy & Their Sequel

ZURICH, Dec. 10.—From Reuter's Special Correspondent in Zurich:—A Ministerial crisis in Bulgaria following the Cairo Conference is reported by the Budapest correspondent of "Basler Nachrichten" quoting "a reliable diplomatic source."

The correspondent telegraphs: "Consequent upon the recent political events, particularly the discussions in Cairo and the formation of a Yugoslav Committee, the Bulgarian Government's domestic and political difficulties greatly increased. These difficulties became conspicuous at a secret sitting of the "Sobranje." It has leaked out that all parties expressed distrust of the present Boshilov Cabinet. A motion introduced by the Minister of Labour M. Wassiloliew was rejected by all parties whereupon the sitting immediately adjourned and an extraordinary Cabinet meeting was held last night when it was decided to shuffle the Cabinet reintroducing several old politicians. M. Boshilov himself becoming the Foreign Secretary.

Opposition attacks on Government's foreign policy have been proceeding since Tuesday last.

American planes are reported to have repeatedly dropped leaflets on Bulgarian territory during the last few days summoning Bulgarian troops to withdraw from Macedonia and refrain from partaking in punitive expeditions against Serbs and Greeks and announcing heavier raids on Sofia.—Reuter.

Nazi Vigil Against Allied Landings

LONDON, Dec. 10: The German radio stated to-day that Field-Marshal Rommel who was reported yesterday to be in Denmark is accompanied by several fortification experts. On Hitler's orders, Rommel is examining the construction and state of preparedness of German defensive installations in Jutland, said the German report. Rommel is also visiting German troops in Denmark.

Reuters adds that reports from Axis and Neutral sources in the past few days tell of elaborate anti-invasion measures taken by the Germans in Jutland where an army of 250,000 is reported to have been massed. Last week, Copenhagen radio broadcast instructions to the people of Jutland and the civil population has already been evacuated from Silkeborg, von Hannekens the anti-invasion headquarters there.—Reuter.

Attack On German Convoy

LONDON, Dec. 10: The Admiralty announces that British light naval forces this morning (Friday) in the vicinity of Ijmuiden, off the coast of Holland attacked a German convoy of four merchant vessels escorted by four E-boat, R-boat and armed trawlers. The British ships pressed home their attacks, and from close range, scored torpedoe hits on one supply ship which when last seen was in a sinking condition. The German escort ships were picking up survivors. The British ships suffered neither damage nor casualties.—Reuter.

Roosevelt In Malta

LONDON, Dec. 10.

President Roosevelt arrived in Malta on Wednesday by air for a special visit.—Reuter.

RED CROSS WEEK

Governor's Appeal For Support

An appeal in support of the Red Cross Week to be observed between January 30, 1944, and February 5, 1944, was launched at a public meeting held at the Durbar Hall, Government House, on Friday evening H. E. the Governor presided. A large and representative gathering, including many Knights and Judges of the High Court was present.

The object of the Week, as the Governor pointed out, was to raise a part of the very large sum required to enable the Indian Red Cross to discharge its increasing responsibilities in 1944 both in India and Overseas, where Indian troops were fighting. He further cited figures to show that the expenditure of the Indian Red Cross had increased from Rs. 2,59,000 in 1939 to Rs. 68 lakhs in 1942, and his information was that it was going to be no less than Rs. 101 lakhs in 1943. He was further told by the Red Cross authorities that in view of the large scale operations that are to be launched in the Far East in near future with India as the base, they estimated the Red Cross expenditure in 1944, to be in the neighbourhood of Rs. 3 crores. Of this big sum he proposed to give the Central Red Cross Organisation Rs. 40 lakhs, in addition to Rs. 15 lakhs to be set aside for the Red Cross needs within the province, and a reserve of Rs. 5 lakhs for unforeseen contingencies.

Concluding, the Governor urged upon those present to help the Appeal Committee appointed under the Chairmanship of Sir Homi Mehta, to raise the necessary sum.

Sir Homi Mehta also appealed to those present to contribute substantially to, what he considered, a humanitarian cause.

GOPALA REDDI RELEASED

MADRAS, Dec. 10: Twenty-six detenus including Mr. B. Gopala Reddi, a former Minister have been released from the Tanjore Jail according to a report just received.—A.P.

INDIAN MERCHANTS' CHAMBER: Dr. K. A. Hamied, M.L.C., has been appointed as the representative of the Indian Merchants' Chamber on the Advisory Committee of the Royal Institute of Science for a term of three years' beginning from January, 1944.

KARACHI, Dec. 10.—A highway robbery attended with murder is reported from a village in Jacobabad District. It is stated that a villager while crossing the Thul Road was attacked by a gang of robbers who shot him dead. The District Superintendent of Police visited the scene and investigations are in progress.—A.P.

Resignation Threat Fails To Work

Price Control Will Be Enforced In Sind And Punjab

(From Our Correspondent)

NEW DELHI, Dec. 10

Notwithstanding the reported threat of resignation on that issue, the Government of India, I learn, have refused to withdraw the directions issued to Sind Government, under Section 126-A of the Government of India Act in the matter of price control. Lord Wavell, I learn is determined to enforce the All-India food policy which was adopted as a result of the recommendations of the Food Conference to which Sind was a party.

It is interesting to recall that the Sind Premier, Sir Ghulam Hussain Hidayatullah, strongly supported rationing and price control at the last session of the Council of the League at Delhi in November.

According to reports similar directions were contemplated had Punjab and Bengal not fallen into line as far as rationing and price control are concerned. Furthermore, the much boosted triumph of the Punjab is only a paper victory. Punjab is already selling wheat in the neighbourhood of Rs. 10 per maund without price control. As reported early, the ceiling price of wheat is expected to be Rs. 9/4 per maund.

VICTORY NEXT SUMMER

BUFFALO (New York), Dec. 10

The Director of Public Relations of the United States Navy Department, Capt. Leland P. Lovett, said on Thursday night that the war in Europe would be won by the Allies next summer but the cost would be heavy.

He added that victory in the Pacific would not be achieved until Japan was invaded and her cities smashed.—Reuter.

WHEN AMERY FACES BRITISH PUBLIC

(From Our Correspondent).

LONDON, Dec. 9.

Mr. Amery's Chief Agent in his Constituency of Birmingham, R. H. Edwards, has addressed the members of the local Unionist Association urgently appealing to them to attend in large number the public meeting which Mr. Amery is addressing in his Constituency to-morrow evening.

The letter reminds members of the Association how a meeting held a few weeks ago at Birmingham was "largely composed of opponents" who turned the meeting into an anti-Amery demonstration.

Edwards hopes that on this occasion, "there will be a good rally of members to support Mr. Amery and I trust it will be convenient for you to attend and be in your seat not later than 19-15 o'clock."

Last Friday Mr. Amery spoke in Cambridge, but at the last minute it was turned into a private meeting the report of which was not made available to the public. But, having learnt that Mr. Amery was to speak at Cambridge, the Labour Party arranged a public meeting for Sunday last and invited Mr. W. G. Cove, Labour M.P. to reply to Mr. Amery's speech. Since Mr. Amery spoke at a private meeting, Mr. Cove could not reply to his speech, though he took opportunity to criticise Government's policy towards India and urged the local Labour Party to demand immediate release of Congress leaders and formation of National Government at the Centre.

"P. M.'S" CHARGE AGAINST BRITAIN

Canadian Wheat Offer For India And Whitehall's Reply

NEW YORK, Dec. 9

The newspaper 'P. M.' to-day, devotes two entire pages to a story headlined "Britain says no to wheat gift for starving India—Canadian Government's offer of 100,000 tons rejected by Mr. Leopold Amery."

The story is written by the paper's Washington correspondent I. F. Stone, who has said that the views expressed therein are the result of contact with Government officials in Washington and other prominent Americans throughout the nation. Stone has discussed in detail India's food supply, shipping situation and American Trade Unions' attitude to the question of famine in India.

The banner line on the front page of 'P. M.' read: "Starving India denied the offer of Canadian wheat."

WHITEHALL'S REPLY

LONDON: The India Office, commenting on the article in the 'P. M.' regarding Britain's 'refusal' to send the Canadian gift of wheat to India, says that its attitude is still based on the explanation given by Mr. Amery to the House of Commons on November 11, when he had said that the difficulty was shipping. Wheat can be sent from Australia in under half the time and, therefore, with much greater economy in shipping. "This consideration is likely to make it impossible to move any great part from the Canadian offer at present". Mr. Amery had added.—Reuter

Scindias Declare Re. One Dividend Per Share

The 24th annual general meeting of the Scindia Steam Navigation Company was held on Friday evening at the registered office of the Company, Mr. Walchand Hirachand presiding.

The president stated that the working of the Company during the year was satisfactory and that it was possible to declare a dividend of one rupee and a bonus of four annas per share.

Mr Walchand Hirachand, Sir Chunilal B. Mehta and Mr Tulsidas Kilachand were re-elected Directors of the Company.

Allied Advance Continues

Italo-Swiss Frontier To Be Closed

LONDON, Dec. 10.

The Algiers Radio said to-day that the Germans announce that the Italian-Swiss frontier will be completely closed from next Monday.

The Fifth Army have captured important heights dominating roads to Rome.

BERLIN: The German communique reported capture by the Allies of a number of heights on both sides of the road to Cassino and said that the line was withdrawn for some miles.

Allied Headquarters, North Africa, December 10:—To-day's Allied 'communique' says: "Land:—After heavy fighting, Canadian troops of the Eighth Army strongly supported by armoured units established firm positions north of the Moro River. There was fierce fighting in the vicinity of San Leonardo. The advance is continuing well supported by our aircraft.

On the Fifth Army Front, we continued to make limited advances. Important terrain in the Central Sector of the Army front was won. Our troops captured Roccadevandro. The enemy now have been driven from the whole of the eastern bank of the Garigliano river, south of Roccadevandro. A quantity of enemy materials was captured.

AIR:—Giulianova was attacked by medium bombers yesterday. The target was well covered. The activities of fighter aircraft were maintained, and included attacks on communications in the Rome area and on the east coast of Italy. Close co-operation with the army continues, enemy positions and traffic bridges being bombed in spite of poor visibility.

During the night of December 8/9 light bombers attacked Civitavecchia, scoring hits on shipping and harbour installations and leaving one ship on fire. From these operations, four of our aircraft are missing."

From Reuter's Special Correspondent on the Fifth Army Front: There are signs that the Germans are preparing for a retreat on this front. They have moved back their guns and left carefully ranged mortars and machine-gun nests in natural defence positions as the main obstacle to the Allied progress. As they move back, they are giving their customary exhibition of destruction and demolition. General Clark's troops have captured a considerable amount of war material in Monte Camino heights including guns, machine-guns, mortars and ammunition. Prisoners continue to trickle in.

The Middle East Air 'communique' states: "R.A.F. heavy bombers attacked the harbour at Heraklion, Crete, during the night of December 8 to 9.—Reuter.

RED ARMY CAPTURES TOWN OF ZNAMENKA

Rokossovsky Resumes Push In White Russia

MOSCOW, December 10.

An order of the Supreme Commander-in-Chief, Marshal Stalin addressed to the Army General Koniev to-day stated: "Troops of the Second Ukrainian front continuing to develop the offensive on December 9, after three days of fierce fighting captured the town of Znamenka an important railway junction on the right bank of the Ukraine and a large centre of German resistance in Kirovgrad direction.—Reuter.

TOPOGRAPHY OF ZNAMENKA

LONDON, Dec. 10.—Znamenka is a junction for the vital network of railway inside the Dnieper Bend. From it lines run north-west to Smyela and Fastov, South-west to Kirovograd and Odessa. South to Jiklaiev and east to Dniepropetrovsk. General Koniev's forces have been methodically closing the ring around the junction, cutting one of its railways after another.

Znamenka lies some 60 miles north-west of the iron ore city of Krivoi Rog before which strong German forces have been blocking Soviet advance southwards. Its capture increases the threat to the whole of the German position west of the Lower Dnieper.—Reuter.

Particular distinction was gained by troops under Lieut.-General Gadov, and Major-General Rodimtsev tank units under Colonel General Rotmistrov and air formations under Lieut-General Grenov. The units which have particularly distinguished themselves in the battle leading to the capture of Znamenka will henceforth assume the name of that town. Units which already bear the names of the towns they assisted in capturing will be recommended for award of the order of the Red Banner.

To-night at six o'clock, Moscow time, Moscow, the Capital of our country, in the name of our motherland will salute our valiant troops which have liberated the town of Znamenka with 12 salvoes from 124 guns. For excellent military operations, I express my thanks to all troops under your command which have taken part in fighting ror the liberation of Znamenka. Eternal glory to the heroes who fell in the struggle for the liberty and independence of our Motherland. Death to German invaders.

OFFENSIVE IN WHITE RUSSIA

LONDON, Dec. 10.—Vichy Radio to-day said that Gen. Rokossovsky has resumed his northern push between the Pripet and the Beresina rivers in White Russia. "General Rokossovsky apparently wants to menace the flank of the German positions in the Rogachev region the report said. "Soviet troop concentrations are also reported east of Zhlobin."

MOSCOW, Dec. 10.—Reuter's Staff Correspondent wires:—Russian forces fanning out inside the Dnieper bend are to-day steadily drawing tighter the ring around Kirovgrad, an important industrial centre and road junction. After consolidating their hold above the Znamenka-Nikolayev Railway, the Red Army is now pushing forward to menace Kirovgrad from the east.

West of Kiev, the Russians are "stonewalling" grimly against strong German attacks. The battlefield now looks like a scrap dealers yard with piles of German wreckage everywhere. No further German gains of territory are reported by Moscow to-day though it is admitted that the Germans still hold the initiative and are attacking fiercely with large tank forces.

Disposal Of Unstamped Cloth: Time-Limit Extended

NEW DELHI, Dec. 10.

It is understood that the Industries and Civil Supplies Department have further extended the time limit till June 30, 1944, for the disposal of certain classes of unstamped cloth manufactured before August 1.

These goods comprise fine mulls, summertex, dorias, mosquito-netting and umbrella cloth.—A.P.

KUNZRU-WAVELL TALKS ON FOOD FRONT

ALLAHABAD, Dec. 10.

The United Press understands that Pandit Hridaynath Kunzru will shortly undertake a tour of Malabar, Andhra and Orissa to study the food situation there. Thereafter, he will pay another visit to Bengal and return to Allahabad in January.

Pandit Kunzru told the United Press that he had been asked by Lord Wavell to see the latter to discuss the famine situation in Bengal. He said that the Viceroy was deeply interested in the situation and informed him that things were improving there.

Pandit Kunzru told the Viceroy that there had been mismanagement by the Bengal and Central Governments, and the Bengal Government did not seem to be alive to the intensity of the problem.—United Press.

Bombay Meets Bengal's Cloth Shortage

BOMBAY, Dec. 10

A Press Note issued by the office of the Textile Commissioner states: To meet the cloth shortage which developed in Bengal, which would have been felt the more acutely in the cold weather, special arrangements were made by the Government of India to move cotton piecegoods and yarn, both standard cloth and goods for civil trade, from Bombay to Calcutta for distribution throughout Bengal. This movement has been accorded a high degree of priority.

As a result of these arrangements, in addition to substantial quantities already sent, as much as 20,000 bales were despatched from Bombay alone between the 20th November and 8th December, that is to say, about 25 million yards of cloth. Despatches of substantial quantities to Bengal continue.—A.P.

DONATIONS FROM BRITAIN

LONDON, Dec. 10: An Assembly to concert measures for a Nation-wide campaign to relieve the famine in India is being convened here on Saturday, by the India Relief Committee presided over by the Liberal Member of Parliament, Mr. Clement Davies. The Committee have received 500 guineas from co-operative wholesale society, 25 pounds from a group of R.A.F. pilots, 63 pounds from a miners lodge in South Wales and 60 pounds from workers in an aircraft factory in the South of England. Other donations have been received from groups of school children, housewives and Indian workers.—Reuter

DISTRIBUTION OF FOOD AND MEDICAL RELIEF

NEW DELHI, Dec. 10: It is understood that at a Joint meeting of the Food, Education, Health and Lands, and Civil Supplies Departments of the Government of India, under the Chairmanship of Sir Jwala Prasad Srivastava, it was agreed that the Food Department of the Government of India should be the co-ordinating agency for the relief measures in Bengal in respect of clothing and medical relief. All consignments of clothing and blankets will be sent to District Magistrates, who will arrange for their distribution to destitutes through the army, and other official and non-official agencies at present engaged in the distribution of food and medical relief.—A.P.

40 DEATHS ON THURSDAY

CALCUTTA, Dec. 10

40 sick destitutes died yesterday in various hospitals in Calcutta and Suburbs. New admissions numbered 68 and 65 such persons were discharged during the day.—A.P.

Viceroy's Priority Tour For Food

NEW DELHI, Dec. 10.

The Viceroy's tour which began with the Punjab and N.W.F.P. and will be continued in other Provinces is assumed to be part of the plan, which he has publicly referred, to give priority of attention to the food question. He will have an opportunity particularly to see how successful are the arrangements for the movement of foodstuffs from surplus to deficit Provinces.

He will study the working of the distribution arrangements for Bengal, in which the Army is giving full help and he will renew personal contact with the Ministers and other public men. He will be back in Delhi early in January.

Sir J. P. Srivastava, Food Member, is also visiting Bengal next week.—A.P.

Workers And Jute Mills' Closure

CALCUTTA, Dec. 10.

A Bengal Government "communique" states that it has been brought to the notice of Government that workers employed in certain jute mills, which have been closed for reasons beyond control of their employers, are refusing to work in other jute mills where employment is offered to them, and are instead asking for compensation for loss of employment in the mills closed.

As regards compensation, Government emphasise that no claim of compensation arises when employment is offered to workers in other mills.

Government further urge workers to accept the employment that is offered to them without further delay.—A.P.

Inter-University Board Will Meet Today

HYDERABAD (Dn.), Dec. 10.

Sir S. Radhakrishnan Chairman of the Inter-University Board, Pandit Iqbal Narain Gurtu, Lt.-Col. Chatterjee, Doctor Amarnath Jha, Mr. M. Ratnaswami and Khan Bahadur Afzal Hussain arrived here this morning to attend the nineteenth meeting of the Inter-University Board which is being inaugurated here to-morrow by the Nawab of Chhatari, President of the Nizam's Executive Council.—A.P.

Ranji Cricket

W. I. S. C. A. MAKE 274 FOR 8

JAMNAGAR, Dec. 10.

The match between the Nawanagar Cricket Association and the Western India States Cricket Association for the Ranji Trophy commenced here today.

The W.I.S.C.A. winning the toss elected to bat and made 274 runs for the loss of 8 wickets at the close of the day.

The following are detailed scores:—

W.I.S.C.A (1st Innings)

Pratapraj, c Oza, b Mulvant	5
Barrit, c and b Oza	19
Abdul Kadir, st., Mehta, b Mangal Singh	10
Umer, l.b.w., b Mansingh	58
Prithviraj, b Oza	36
Saeed Ahmed, st., Mehta, b Mangal Singh	0
Purshottam, c Oza, b Mulvant	33
Shantilal Gandhi, (not out)	59
Sukhvantrai, c Indravijaysinghji, b Maganlal	32
Akbar Khan (not out)	10
Extras	12
Total (for 8 wickets)	274

KING HOLDS PRIVY COUNCIL MEETING

LONDON, Dec. 10: King George held a meeting of the Privy Council to-day (Friday). This was his first official function since his influenza attack which began a week ago and indicates that he has now completely recovered.—Reuter.

German National Debt Soars

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 10: Germany's national debt increased by 63 thousand million marks during the fourth year of the war. According to the periodical Bankwirthschaft quoted by the "Dagens Nyheter."

The increase is due not only to the cost of supporting the armed forces and their dependents, but also to the cost of maintaining bombed outs and evacuees and to raid compensation—expense of which have greatly increased recently.—Reuter.

Trade Disputes For Adjudication

NEW DELHI, Dec. 10.

Trade disputes referred for adjudication under Rule 81-A of the Defence of India Rules will hereafter be specified in detail instead of being left vague, says a Press Note.

The Rule has been amended to provide for the proper framing of the order referring a trade dispute for adjudication. A notification in the Gazette of India says that the order referring a trade dispute for adjudication shall specify, as far as may be practicable, the matter upon which adjudication is necessary or desirable."

Another amendment to Rule 81-A now empowers the Government to enforce all or any of the decisions of the adjudicator. There was previously no provision for the partial enforcement of the decision.

The clause empowering the Government to prescribe, under certain circumstances, the terms and conditions of employment has also been amended so as to make it binding equally on workers as well as employers.—A.P.

Who Is Mr. Bean?

NEW DELHI.—The attention of Government has been drawn to a statement reported to have been made in South Africa by Mr. B. C. L. Bean, regarding Indians in South Africa, says a Press Note. Mr Bean is not an officer of the Government of India. He has retired from service, has no connection with Government, and any views he may have expressed can only be his personal views."—"Hindustan Times."

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Collective Fines From Aug. To Aug. Amount To Rs. 90,00,000

Rs. 78,50,000 ALREADY REALISED: PENALTY WAS IMPOSED IN 1,556 CASES

In reply to Mr. Sorensen (Labour) Mr. Amery said "My latest information does not extend beyond 31st August last, up till when collective fines had been imposed in 1556 cases.

"The total amount of Fines was approximately 90 lakhs of rupees of which Rs. 78,50,000 were collected".

Mr Amery gave written replies to several questions about India in the House of Commons.

Major Lyons (Conservative) asked whether in view of the possibility of recurrence of food shortage in India in the immediate future years, and to prevent any sudden strain being thrown on the shipping resources, the Government of India has asked neighbouring Countries and Colonies within and without the British Commonwealth to co-operate in growing suitable foodstuffs at guaranteed prices for the purchase of which it will be responsible so as to admit of stocks being gradually built up and stored in India to meet all reasonable eventualities and whether if extra temporary labour is required is the Government of India is prepared to find it?"

Mr. Amery replied "The nearest territories providing normal food reserves of India are in enemy occupation and most of the other countries in the Indian Ocean Area are affected at least as much as India by the loss of these potential imports. I doubt therefore whether there is any reasonable prospect of effecting such arrangements as the question contemplates."

Mr Sorensen (Labour) wanted to know on how many villages and towns Punitive Tax or Collective fines had been imposed during the past 18 months.

What was the total amount involved in this and now much had actually been paid

Mr Amery said "My latest information does not extend beyond 31st August last uptill when Collective fines had been imposed in 1556 cases. The total amount of fines was approximately 90 lakhs of rupees of which Rs 78,50,000 were collected".—Reuter.

Shipping Space Used To Supply Whisky As Quinine Was Enough In India, Says Amery

WESTMINSTER, Dec 9

Answering a question in the House of Commons to day why shipping space was used to consign a cargo of Whisky to Bombay when it was not found possible to send badly needed supplies of Quinine Mr Amery said "The ban which had previously been maintained on shipment of Spirits to India was lifted in September

This has certainly not been at the expense of Quinine which is produced in India and supplies there are ad-

MAJOR GULLILAND CONVICTED

Non-Declaration Of Stock Of Wheat Bran

Major C. C. Gulliland, Secretary of R. W. I. T. Club who was charged with non-declaration of stocks of 942 Bengal maunds of wheat bran held by him as the Secretary of the Club on March 7, 1943, was found guilty and convicted under the Defence of India Rules by Mr. K. J. Khandalawala, Presidency Magistrate, Mazagaon Police Court on Friday.

The accused pleaded not guilty.

Sentencing the accused to pay a nominal fine of Rs. 10, the Magistrate upheld the publication of the Government order in 7 daily newspapers of Bombay on March 8, 1943, and remarked that among these newspapers one was ordinarily read by the accused and that he had notice of the Government order.

Major Gulliland, who was also charged with non-declaration of stocks of rice and barley held by him on behalf of the Club on different date was acquitted on both the charges.

The Magistrate observed that the accused could not be said to have had knowledge of the contravention by the Club relating to non-declaration of the rice and barley stocks.

NO INQUIRY ON DEATHS BY ENEMY ACTION

CALCUTTA, Dec. 9.

An official bill providing that no inquiry should be held by the Coroner or by the police in case of deaths caused by enemy action unless the Provincial Government so directs, is published in to-day's issue of the Calcutta Gazette under the Bengal Legislative Assembly Rules.

Govt. War On Profiteers And Hoarders

NEW DELHI, Dec. 9.

In working the Anti-Hoarding and Anti-Profiteering ordinance, it is stated to be Government's intention to secure the co-operation of the trade and the consumers through Advisory Committees to be set up in the provinces consisting of representatives of both.

The preliminaries connected with the setting up of these bodies are believed to be one of the points considered in the course of the informal talks which the Controller General of Civil Supplies, Mr. C. C. Desai has had in Delhi, Lahore, Karachi, Nagpur and Bombay.

He proposed to hold similar talks in Calcutta, Patna, Lucknow and Madras. Among trade representatives he has seen are booksellers, cycle, paper and stationery dealers, vegetable ghee manufacturers, electrical and photographic goods, wine and provision merchants and silk and woollen cloth dealers.—A. P.

SINO-INDIAN SOCIETY WELCOMES INDIAN AGENT-GENERAL

CHUNGKING, Dec. 9.

Mr. K. P. S. Menon, Agent-General for India, and Mrs. Menon were guests of honour at a tea party and reception given this afternoon by the Sino-Indian Society. Mr. Menon in his speech thanked the Society for their hospitality and stressed the necessity for strengthening the cultural ties between China and India.—Reuter.

SELECTIONS FOR TO-DAY'S RACES

NIGHT SENTRY FANCIED IN WADIA GOLD CUP

(FROM OUR RACING CORRESPONDENT.)

Good-sized fields have been left in for the fourth day of X'mas Meeting which is scheduled for decision to-day, but as several of the candidates competed on Thursday, good many last-minute withdrawals are likely.

The Ceylon-owned Night Sentry is fancied in the day's attraction, the Wadia Gold Cup.

The following are my selections:—

1st Race: Pure Emerald 1; Air Ace 2; Manak 3.

2nd Race: Hindustan 1; Flying Ace 2; Vienna 3.

3rd Race: Maid Of Manjri 1; Bambina 2; Chandrika 3.

4th Race: Rabdan 1; Star Brilliant 2; Jassir 3.

5th Race: Royal Blood 1; Dry Sherry 2; Masked Raider 3.

6th Race: Alarm 1; Vandyke 2; Doctrine 3.

7th Race: Night Sentry 1; Magic Mount 2, Clarify 3.

8th Race: Indication 1; Sabotage 2; Menu Suffrage 3.

9th Race: Stalin 1; Pashwanji 2; Windsor Way 3.

Dark Flukes: Inside Information and Don't Shoot.

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AHMEDABAD—8th Week
KOLHAPUR—8th Week
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Prof. J. C. Daruwala

Professor J. C. Daruwala of Bombay has been appointed University Professor of Foreign Languages at Chungking by the Chinese Ministry of Education and will leave India shortly to take up his appointment.

This appointment was arranged by the Chinese Educational and Cultural Delegation which visited this country in March last. Prof. Daruwala, who is a prominent educationist and social worker of the city is connected with a number of institutions and was for sometime President of the Progressive Group.

CITY AND SUBURBS
TO-DAY

Hindu: Magsar Shud 15, 2000.
Muslim: Jilhej 12, 1362
Parsi: Tir 8, 1313
Sunrise: 8-4 p.m. Sunset: 7-0 p.m.
Hightide: 11-33 Lowtide: 5-56, 17-42.

To-day's Engagements

SATYANARAYAN PUJA: Hindu and Muslim workers will attend Satyanarayan Puja at the Bombay Central. Swami Parmanandji will speak on Hindu-Muslim unity and non-violence during the function which will last from 6 p.m. to midnight. Loudspeakers have been installed.

CHANDA RAMJI GIRLS' SCHOOL: Annual Sports Prize Distribution today (Saturday) Mr. Ramdas Kilachand Deochand presiding.

COMMISSIONER'S ROUND: The Municipal Commissioner will meet the elected members of Ward No. 13, at 6-51 a.m. (B.T.), at the Byculla Fire Brigade Station and go round with them in the Ward.

BOMBAY PARSI ASSOCIATION: Public lecture by Ervad Naoroz D. Minocherhomji on "Religious Education As A Part Of School Education For Children" at Sohrab Palamkote Hall, at Dadar at 6 p.m. Shams-ul-Olma Dastoorji Manekji N. Dhalla will preside. After the lecture Raval Chimanlal Chaganlal will give a kirtan on "The Bravery Of Parsi Ladies On The Battlefield Of Varlav.

INDIAN CHEMICAL SOCIETY: Annual meeting in the Royal Institute of Science (Room No. 49) at 5 p.m. when Dr. K G Naik, Dean of the Faculty of Science, will give an address on "Organization of Research"

FREE POPULAR SCIENCE LECTURE: Dr. Sethan on "Chemistry—a Fascinating Science" in the Royal Institute of Science, Ground Floor, at 4 p.m.

YOUTHS' PARLIAMENT: "University Education In India Is A Failure" in the Youth Lodge, Blavatsky Lodge, at 6-30 p.m. Mr. Syed Noor, Vice-President, Gujrat Prov. Primary Teachers' Association will preside

SRI KRISHNA MUSIC ACADEMY: The Second Anniversary of the Academy will be celebrated at 5 p.m. on Sunday, at the premises of the South Indian Association, Telang Road, Matunga. Sri K. Srinivasan (Free Press) will preside.

INDIAN MUSIC CIRCLE (BOMBAY NORTH): Classical Dance by Malatidevi Panday, Violin Solo by Gajanan M. Karnad and Clarionet Solo by Ebrahim to-day at 10 p.m. at Khalsa College, Matunga.

Subbalakshmi's Concert Postponed

The Secretary of the South Indian Sangeetha Sabha announces that the concert by Smti. M. S. Subbalakshmi arranged to-night (Saturday) has been cancelled owing to her sudden indisposition and the same will take place on a day which will be announced shortly.

In Aid Of Bengal Relief

The variety entertainment in aid of the Bengal Relief Fund and the Scholarship Fund of poor students at the St. Xavier's College Hall on Monday proved to be a successful function. The programme consisted of music, dances, dramatic pieces and feats of magic. Mr. M. R. Masani, Mayor of Bombay, who presided appreciated the efforts of the organiser Mrs. Noronha to collect funds to fight disease and ignorance.

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"BHAKTA RAJ" FOR XMAS

Late Mr. Pagnis In Star Role

By T. V. P.

Jayant Desai Productions' 'Bhakta Raj' which is scheduled for release for the Christmas week is a filmic representation of the engaging career of King Ambarish whose life story is a particularly fascinating chapter in the 'Mahabharata.' Jayant Desai has become a particular favourite of the audiences after his spectacular success of handling the "Tansen" theme under the Ranjit banner. His 'Bhakta Raj' is expected to be in line with that picture. The star role has been given to the late Mr. Vishnupant Pagnis and in the featured roles are Vasanti, Kaushalya, Mubarak and Dixit. This picture is expected to make a mark as his own production in his own studios.

BEAUTY, STAR AND CRITIC!

It is not very often that beauty and talent are found together on the screen. Some stars are beautiful, but only that; some others are distinguished, without beauty. Naseem, co-starring with Ashok Kumar in Filmistan's "Chal Chal re Naujavan", is a rare combination of beauty and talent. She has something more, too, which is rarer still among film stars—a cultivated capacity for criticism. If you gain her confidence enough to induce her to discuss a film with her, you would find her making a point over the professional film critic! Only, she does not do that often. On the other hand, she practises her critical faculties on her work, which gives her role a completeness and polish which the director alone could never have secured.

Naseem in 'Chal Chal Re Navjavan'.

'WAPAS' POPULAR AT KRISHNA

'Wapas' starring Ashit Baran and Bharati has become quite popular and among the most recent releases it is easily the most favourite picture of the fans. It has a good enough story and really good soothing music, particularly Bharati's four or five songs.

Ashit Baran and Bharati in "Wapas" at Krishna.

'Shahenshah Akbar' is now in the third week at Novelty. Hindi Pictures 'Chhed-Chhad', a musical comedy is also in the third week at Alfred Talkies.

Among the comparatively old films current in town are 'Ram Rajya', 'Shakuntala' and 'Prithvi Vallabh', all of them retaining their popularity in spite of a number of new releases, but perhaps more intriguingly popular are 'Najma' at Minerva, 'Tansen' at Opera House. 'Hamari Baat' is of course, doing well at Imperial and 'Kismet' after a long run is likely to be withdrawn from Roxy in a couple of weeks.

Vishnupant Pagnis in 'Bhakta-Raj' as King Ambareesh.

Dr. Ganti Dead

BOMBAY, Friday.

Death occurred to-night of Dr. S. N. Ganti, a leading medical practitioner of Bombay at the age of 41 at his residence in Dadar.

He was a leading member of the Andhra Community in the city, and was connected with the Bombay Medical Association.—A. P.

DANCE DRAMA IN AID OF BENGAL

The Academy of Indian Arts, recently named as Bharatiya Kala-Bhawan, has decided to hold an inaugural function on Tuesday, the 16th instant at 6-30 p.m. at the Royal Opera House. A dance-drama entitled, "Deva Danava", depicting combat between good and evil, followed by Tagore Music will be main attraction. The function is in aid of Bengal relief.

Voting For Mahasabha Presidentship

AMRITSAR, Dec. 10.

It is understood that the Punjab, the North-West Frontier, Assam, Bengal, the C.P. and the Reception Committee itself voted for Dr. Shyama Prasad Mookherjee in the Presidential election of the All-India Hindu Mahasabha Silver Jubilee Session to be held at Tilak Nagar on December 26 and 27. The Provinces of Sind, Delhi, Agra, Oudh, Bihar, Andhra, Madras, Tamil Nadu, Bombay Maharashtra, Rajisthan, Gujarat, Mahakoshal, Berar, Orissa and Karnatak are reported to have voted for Mr. V. D. Savarkar. The province of Kerala did not vote.—A.P.

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2ND WEEK

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8th WEEK CENTRAL
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NEW RATION CARDS IN BOMBAY SUBURBS

(DATES FOR REGISTRATION)

New ration cards issued to residents of the Bombay Suburban rationed areas should be registered with authorised retail distributors during the week December 12 to 18. They must be registered with the same distributor with whom the current cards have been registered.

The current cards should be surrendered to the distributor after drawing rations on them for that week.

From December 19 onwards rations can be drawn only against the new ration cards.

Persons whose cards are registered with a ration shop maintained by a mill, factory or large organisation should register their new cards during the period December 5 to 31.

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ALL-INDIA WEATHER

POONA, Dec. 10: Following is the weather chart showing the maximum and minimum temperatures and rainfall in inches recorded at 9 hours on 6-12-43:—

Allahabad	77	49	0.	Bombay	89	71	0.
Calcutta	82	57	0.	Cawnpore	75	44	0.
Cuttack	83	57	0.	Darjeeling	54	40	0.
Delhi	75	41	0.	Dehra Dun	72	44	0.
Jacobabad	84	49	0.	Karachi	81	65	0.
Lahore	76	42	0.	Lucknow	80	45	0.
Madras	82	75	0.	Nagpur	76	48	0.
Patna	81	54	0.	Peshawar	69	38	0.
Shillong	65	41	0.	Simla	52	39	0.—A. P.

"Swaraj is my birth-right and I will have it".

—TILAK.

The Bombay Chronicle

AMERY'S BLUNDERS

The disclosures made by the Mayor of Calcutta about the tolls of deaths which famine and attendant epidemics have taken and are still taking in some of the districts of Bengal are such as to send a thrill of horror through the minds of the public outside the province. In some of the affected areas nearly one-fourth of the population appears to have been already wiped out. In other areas the toll is not very much less. No one knows, no one has been officially told, the real extent of the mortality that has taken place in any of the stricken districts and in the province as a whole .The whole situation is being treated officially, by both the Provincial and Central Governments, as if it were a matter requiring strict secrecy in the interests of the safety of the country. Even Mr. Amery and his colleagues of the India Office are apparently being not kept fully informed of the gravity of the situation. The Secretary of State for India and the British Cabinet as a whole have not shown themselves to be over-anxious to be kept posted with the fullest details of the appalling tragedy that has overtaken Bengal. Perhaps they fear that these details if disclosed in all their ghastliness may prove too disturbing to the stomachs of the British public. The Secretary of State for India and his colleagues would appear to be satisfied that the situation is safe in the hands of the "men on the spot" and that it will right itself eventually.

Meanwhile, his amazing complacency leads Mr. Amery from one grievous blunder to another He was asked in the Commons on Thursday why shipping space was used to consign a cargo of whisky to Bombay when it was not found possible to send badly needed supplies of quinine. To this he gave the following reply: "The ban which had previously been maintained on shipment of spirits to India was lifted in September. This has certainly not been at the expense of quinine which is produced in India and the supplies there were adequate." In September Bengal was in the throes of famine and starvation and Mr. Amery and spokesmen of the Government of India repeatedly declared that lack of shipping prevented adequate imports of food into India and yet there was ample shipping space for whisky! Again, everyone in India knows that there has been and there is still an acute shortage of quinine in India. And yet Mr. Amery has the temerity to declare that supplies of quinine in this country are adequate! Did Mr. Amery make this fatuous and inaccurate statement on the basis of information supplied to him by the Government of India? If so, the Government of India owe an explanation to the public.

Nimitz On The Offensive

Having established themselves in the Gilberts, the Americans have lost no time in raiding from the air the Japanese held Marshal Islands and subsequently attacking Nauru with a strong naval force. Nauru is situated south-west of the Marshals and west of the Gilberts between the latter and Truk. The raid on the Marshal Islands was presumably intended to facilitate the naval attack on Nauru. The details of this attack are not yet available. But if it constitutes an expedition to capture Nauru the probable strategy seems to be not only to strengthen the defence of the Gilberts but also to threaten both Truk and the Marshal Islands from closer quarters.

In any case Admiral Nimitz shows by his activities that his promise about offensive operations in the Central Pacific has begun to be implemented. But it is doubtful whether the Japanese fleet will come out to fight yet. That hope of Admiral Nimitz, which he has just expressed, does not appear likely to be fulfilled soon. That, however, is not very material to the present stage of the war at any rate. As the Admiral says: "The main job of the United States naval forces is to obtain bases from which the Japanese mainland could be battered. Land bases after all are the only bases.' Even though the Central Pacific force itself may not be able to secure such bases —and the really effective battering of Japan can only come, according to an earlier statement of Admiral Nimitz himself, from China—it will continue to push the Japs further back towards Japan. And the quicker and more easily, the more reluctant the Jap fleet is to come out.

FRANKLY SPEAKING

A Chinese Triumph

Once more the Chinese have won a success that would be extraordinarily remarkable were it not for the fact that President Chiang Kai-Shek's gallant and ill-equipped forces have achieved such triumphs often enough. After a heroic struggle lasting for a fortnight they lost Changteh just over a week ago. Within a week they have recaptured this important town. One cannot be certain that the threat to a vital region has thereby been definitely removed. But even if it is a definite success, it cannot be emphasized too much that even the Chinese cannot continue to work miracles indefinitely. They need assistance. They need it quickly and in the substantial form of an offensive against Jap held Burma

Significant Change

Times have, indeed, changed. Who, a few years ago, could have predicted that in November, 1943, Portugal would agree to place the Azores at the disposal of the Allies and, more striking still, Germany would permit the "surrender" to go unchallenged? But that is not all. Who could then have predicted that the British would, in December 1943, adopt a firm and severe attitude towards Spain and that, too, successfully. This, however, is what has happened in fact. A British Vice-Consul in a comparatively minor town of Spain and his family were "insulted" by parties of General Franco's Falangists in uniform. This is no unusual occurrence. But it is December, 1943. The British Government reacted promptly and with remarkable peremptoriness, demanded from the Spanish Government both an apology and an assurance that the guilty persons would be punished. And the Spanish Government has meekly submitted to both the demands. It is a gratifying sign of the change that the present war situation has brought about. But we cannot help recalling that the Falangists, who have caused so much trouble and anxiety all these four or five years to the "democratic" camp, came to power in Spain with the help of the British, Sir Samuel Hoare being one of them. And we cannot help wondering whether, after the war, General Franco's present submissiveness will not be accepted as an excuse to help maintain his dictatorial regime in Spain.

Bengal Governorship

So long as the Indian demand for freedom is not satisfied, it makes little difference to her people who the provincial satraps are. India wants freedom and if there are to be Governors, they must be Indians. However, we trust the report of our London correspondent that Mr. Casey, the British Minister of State in the Middle East, is "the likeliest choice for the Governorship of Bengal" is not true. Mr. Casey may be Mr Churchill's favourite and Mr. Churchill may imagine that he can ride roughshod over Indian public opinion. But India will not tolerate the appointment of an Australian to any official post in the country so long as Australia denies to Indians the right to settle down in that country as citizens possessing the same privileges as Australians themselves.

Aid The Defence Committee

The Bombay Legal Defence Committee constituted for the purpose of aiding the defence of persons arrested in connection with disturbances which followed the arrest of Congress leaders in August last year and who are charged with serious offences has once again appealed for funds. The report that the Secretaries of the Committee have presented amply demonstrates the necessity of continuing its good work and extending it to the districts where many cases are pending. The Committee undertook the defence of 21 accused in the City charged with serious crimes and succeeded in securing the acquittal of 17 of them. Aid was given to those prosecuted in what are known as the "Sarosh Talkies Bomb Case" at Ahmednagar and the "Peshawar Express Derailment Case" at Jalgaon. In both the cases all the accused were acquitted. The Secretaries report that there are a number of cases still pending in the districts, particularly in Poona, Dharwar, Ahmednagar, Karadi and Erandol. But for want of funds the Committee is unable to give legal aid to them. This is, indeed, a depressing statement and it would be a shame if for want of adequate funds justice could not be vindicated. We are confident generous and patriotic citizens of Bombay will not allow justice to go by default. We join with the Committee in appealing to the public for generous contributions.

A Vast Gulf

The Indian Freedom Campaign Committee in London has done well to expose once again to the eyes of the world the skeleton in democratic Britain's cupboard, namely, India in bondage. As the Committee pertinently observes, if Mr. Churchill is concerned to extend democracy in the world "he can start with India at once." But is he really so concerned? Has he not proclaimed to the whole world not once but repeatedly during the past twelve months that so long as he is the Premier of Great Britain he will never let his country relax her grip on this country? Exactly 13 years ago he had declared on the floor of the House of Commons: "The British nation has no intention whatever of relinquishing control of Indian life and progress . . . . We have no intention of casting away that most truly bright and precious jewel in the Crown of the King, which, more than Dominions and Dependencies, constitutes the glory and strength of the British Empire." Has the leopard changed his spots? Has not the present war demonstrated to him and his set that the value of "that truly bright and precious jewel" in the British Crown must henceforth be deemed to be wholly inestimable to his country? It is well, however, that the London Committee has thoroughly exposed to the world the vast gulf lying between the professions of the British ruling class and their practices in regard to India.

SWAMI MADHAVANANDAJI MAHARAJ

Bombay Citizens' Public Reception

Srimant Swami Madhavanandaji Maharaj, General Secretary of the Ramakrishna Math and Mission, Belur Math, Calcutta, is arriving here on Thursday, the 16th inst. An influential and representative Reception Committee has been formed with the Right Hon. Dr. M R Jayakar as Chairman and the following as members of the Committee to accord a hearty public reception to the Swamiji, who was the President of the Advaitashram, Mayavati and the Head of the Ramakrishna Mission Centre at San Francisco, U.S.A. He is now working as the Secretary of the world-wide Ramakrishna Math and Mission organisation for the last five years. Those who are willing to join the Reception Committee may enlist their names with Mr. F J Ginwala, Solicitor, Jt. Secretary to the Reception Committee at 107, Esplanade Road, Bombay.

Tributes To Jawaharlal As Writer

Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, a member of the All-India Centre of the non-political P. E. N. Association of leading writers and editors, since 1935, was unanimously elected its Vice-President in the place of the late Shri Ramananda Chatterjee at a special general meeting held in the Vice-Chancellor's office at the Bombay University on Tuesday. Pandit Jawaharlal was the candidate of the All-India Executive Committee as an All-India literary figure whose writings were also well known abroad.

His election was proposed on behalf of the Committee by Mr. Asaf A. A Fyzee, Principal of the Government Law College, and seconded by Madame Sophia Wadia, the Founder of the P.E.N. All-India Centre. Mr Fyzee recalled the distinguished tradition of office-bearers in the All-India Centre of the P.E.N., who had included such world-known figures as its first and its present Presidents, Rabindranath Tagore and Shrimati Sarojini Naidu. In proposing Pandit Nehru as a P.E.N. Vice-President, he said, he was not concerned with his political views but with his outstanding contribution to Indian letters as "a writer of simple, forceful and nervous English prose."

Madame Sophia Wadia spoke of the value to a Centre of an international body of writers like the P.E.N. of an office-bearer known throughout the world as Pandit Nehru was. She quoted the opinion expressed by Edward Thompson in reviewing Nehru's 'Unity of India' in 'The Aryan Path' for September 1941. Mr. Thompson had declared:—

"I should like to go on record somewhere as holding that Nehru is among the half-dozen finest living masters of our tongue (whoever the other five may be), and I have no doubt that posterity will pick him out as among the noblest and most remarkable and many-sided men of our age."

She referred to Pandit Nehru's unpid thought and lucid style, always most graceful, always clear. In terms of the literary merits of his writings, she declared, the P.E.N. could not have a better figure for one of its Vice-Presidents, famous in India and famous throughout the world.

Dewan Bahadur K. M. Jhaveri, who presided, remarked in putting the resolution to the vote that in electing Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru the P.E.N. All-India Centre was honouring itself rather than honouring him.

Musicians Honoured

A large gathering was present at the special music function organised by the Sangeet Kala Mandal of Matunga in honour of the two well-known musicians—Khansaheb Faiyazkhan and Swami Vallabhdasji Maharaj at the Khalsa College. Mr. M. R. Masani—the Mayor of Bombay, who presided, said that the cultural unity of India was enshrined in music and was evidenced in the personalities of the two guests of honour and their mutual relations. He then presented a purse of Rs. 1,001 to Khansaheb Faiyazkhan.

Mr. S. S. Kavalekar read out messages from some music institutions and distinguished individuals including a few rulers. He introduced the artistes and remarked that Khansaheb Faiyazkhan had stood the ground firmly against the aggression of light music.

Mr. Champaklal G. Modi, Judge, Small Causes Court, analysed and pointed out the originality in the style of Khansaheb Faiyazkhan and congratulated both on their contributions to the music movement.

Dr. D. G. Vyas said that music was a great unifying force in India and stressed the need of protecting its integrity against the current trends of radio and film music and of introducing music in education. He added that musicians should be honoured in a music hall which was conspicuously absent in the city, and that the Corporation had passed a resolution five years back to construct a municipal theatre and public hall but the resolution was not implemented.

Khansaheb Faiyazkhan and Swami Vallabhdas thanked the Mandal for the honour done to them. The former gave out of the purse Rs. 500 as a donation to the Mandal which, the Secretary declared, was reserved for the scheme of music education which was under contemplation. The meeting was followed by a feast of music by both the musicians.

Zamindar Arrested Sequel To Allahbux Murder Investigations

JACOBABAD, Dec. 10.

One of the biggest Zamindars of Jacobabad District, Waddero Admkhan Panwhar, was arrested to-day in connection with the investigations into the murder of the late Mr. Allahbux, former Premier of Sind.—A. P.

DELHI CONGRESS SECRETARY JAILED FOR THREE YEARS

He Wrote Reply To "Congress Responsibility For Disturbances" And Failed To Surrender Himself

NEW DELHI, Dec. 10.

Mr. Jugul Kishore Khanna, Secretary of the Delhi Provincial Congress Committee, was sentenced to an aggregate of three years R. I. by Mr. C. H. Disney, Additional District Magistrate, Delhi, in two cases under the D. I. R. for writing a prejudicial document in reply to "Congress Responsibility for Disturbances' and failure to obey an order of the Chief Commissioner to present himself before the Superintendent C I .D, Police.

The Magistrate in his judgment observed that there could be no doubt whatever that the article prepared by the accused was of the nature of a prejudicial report, the intention of the author being to bring into hatred or contempt or excite disaffection towards the Government established by law in British India. In arriving at this conclusion, Mr. Disney said:—"I have given the article as liberal an interpretation as possible".

VIOLENT OR NON-VIOLENT

Mr. Disney held that the interpretation given to passages in the article was most ingenious. Quoting some passages from the pamphlet, "Congress Responsibility for Disturbances" the court observed that the Government publication characterised the struggle started by Mr. Gandhi and his followers as a revolt or a rebellion. The Magistrate referred to the word rebellion in the passage and said that he could not accept the interpretation of it by the defence counsel as "moral rebellion" or "rebellion of thought". He observed: "In the Government publication the words "rebellion" or "revolt" are synonymous with violence".

In the second case Mr. Disney disagreed with the defence counsel that the Chief Commissioner was not competent to sign an order under Rule 26 of the D. I. R. and observed that the Chief Commissioner in a Chief Commissioner's Province had the same power as a Provincial Government and was, therefore, the competent authority to make this order.—A. P.

C. P. Lady M.L.A. Warned Under Prisons Act

JUBBULPORE, Dec. 10

For interviewing, without the permission of the authorities, Seth Govind Das, M.L.A. (Central), a security prisoner, at present admitted in the Victoria Hospital for treatment, Srimati Subhadra Kumari Chowhan, M. L. A. (C. P.), has been warned by the District Magistrate, Jubbulpore that if she would again attempt to have an unauthorised interview with him or any other security prisoner in hospital she would be liable to prosecution under the Prisons Act.

BOMBAY LEGAL DEFENCE COMMITTEE

Appeal For Funds

A meeting of the Bombay Legal Defence Committee was held on Saturday at the office of the Committee.

In their second report which they presented before the Committee, the Secretaries stated that all cases that arose in the city of Bombay out of the disturbances following the arrest of the Congress leaders in August 1942 had come to conclusion. The Committee had undertaken the defence or altogether 21 persons who were put up for trial on various serious charges such as murder, conspiracy, possession of explosive substances and breaches of Defence of India Rules. Out of these 21 persons, the Secretaries reported only 4 had been convicted and all the rest acquitted. The Committee was satisfied that its labours were well rewarded.

Following the lead given by the Committee, various districts have formed their own committees to defend similar cases arising locally. The Bombay Legal Defence Committee is trying to render to these Committees all the help that it can in carrying out their work. So far the Committee has not been able to help, on account of financial considerations, except in two district cases, namely, Sarosh Talkies Bomb Case at Ahmednagar and Peshawar Express Derailment case at Jalgaon. The Secretaries were happy to report that both these cases in which the accused, 6 in one case and 11 in the other, were charged with offences punishable with death, have resulted in acquittals of all the accused. These cases were defended by Mr. K. F. Nariman and Mr. H. R. Pardivala respectively.

The Secretaries report that there are a number of cases still pending in the districts, particularly in Poona, Dharwar, Ahmednagar Karadi and Erandol; and all the districts are making pressing requests for financial assistance. In a number of cases the Committee is requested to send down lawyers from Bombay as it is difficult to get the services of local lawyers, even on payment, because of fear of alleged police harassment: In the absence of necessary finances, the Committee finds it impossible to send out competent lawyers from Bombay to the districts for the defence of these cases. Apart from the cases now pending in the districts a number of appeals from various districts are also pending and likely to come to the High Court of Bombay and finance are urgently required to meet the expenses of these appeals. The Committee has, therefore issued an urgent appeal to the public for funds so that adequate provision may be made for the defence of these accused persons.

'Hungru India Deeply Grateful To China', Says Vijayalaxmi

ALLAHABAD, Dec. 10.

India Famine Relief Committee of the Sino-Indian Cultural Society at Chungking under the leadership of Madame Chiang Kai-Shek and Their Excellencies Dr. Tai Chi Tao and Dr. Chuchiahua have sent Rs. 50,000 to Mrs. Vijayalaxmi Pandit through the Chinese Consul-General, for relief in distressed areas.

Mrs. Pandit has sent the following telegram in reply: "Please convey my personal thanks to Madame Chiang Kai-Shek and Their Excellencies Dr. Tai Chi Tao and Dr. Chuchiahua for their most generous donations. Hungry India deeply grateful China's sympathy and friendship."—A. P.

Fresh Donations

CALCUTTA, Dec. 8.

The "Hindustan Times" has donated Rs. 5,000 to the All-Bengal Flood and Famine Relief Committee. The Congress Distress Relief Fund Committee of Karachi has donated 700 maunds of rice to the All-Bengal Flood and Famine Relief Committee and 1,088 maunds of Punjab wheat to the Bengal Relief Committee and the 'Janmbhoomi' Rs. 846 to the All-Bengal Flood and Famine Relief Committee.—A. P.

DEVAKOTTAH RIOT CASE JUDGMENT

High Court Confirms Sentences Of All Except One

MADRAS, Dec. 10

Mr. Justice King and Mr. Justice Byers of the Madras High Court have to-day confirmed the conviction and sentence of all the accused except one in the "Devakottah Rioting Case" in which they were convicted for having set fire to the civil courts building in Devakottah.

It may be recalled that 94 persons were tried by the Special Judge of Ramnad for various offences under the Defence of India Rules and Ordinance III of 1942. They were charged for having committed, on August 17, 1942, rioting, causing mischief by fire, voluntarily causing hurt to the public servants, dacoity and unlawful assembly. Two persons were acquitted and 26 found not guilty and the remaining 66 were convicted and sentenced to varying terms ranging from one to ten years.

Of the 66 accused convicted, 49 appealed to the High Court against their conviction. Their Lordships confirmed the conviction and sentence of 48 appellants and acquitted one on the ground that the evidence against him was insufficient.—United Press.

30 CONGRESSMEN RELEASED IN U. P.

LUCKNOW, Dec. 10.

According to a message received here, about 30 Congress workers of the Nainital district who had been detained under Rule 26, Defence of India Rules, in Bareilly and Sitapur jails, have been released following a review of their cases by the U.P. Government.—A.P.

Postal Bag Snatched Away

MIRAJ: A postal runner carrying a postal bag to Ganeshwadi from Kagwad was attacked and the bag snatched away. One person named Galdagi has been released from the Kolhapur Central Prison on the expiry of his term of nine months' R. I. under D.I.R.

SURAT: Ochhavlal Shah who was wanted in connection with the Desaivaga bomb case has presented himself before the police, says a report from Nadiad.

Two persons have been sentenced to three years' R.I. each on a charge of committing a dacoity at the village of Singali, says another report from Nadiad. Fourteen other persons arrested in this connection have been acquitted.—United Press.

"C. R." DEPRECATES GREED-INDEX

Auction Sales Of Toddy And Ganja In Madras Districts

MADRAS, Dec. 10.

Mr. C. Rajagopalachari has issued the following statement:

"While Panchayats, District Boards and Municipalities are protesting, and largely signed petitions are sent to the Government, the district officers are "selling" the shops and making vigorous preparations to start the wicked traffic on first January. Let no good men be depressed by these activities.

The uninitiated may imagine that the crowded auction sales reported from the districts indicate the local desire for the drink shops. Nothing can be falser than this. It indicates the craving to make money out of the ignorant and wretched poor. The current greed-index is, thanks to the war contracts, very high. Even if Government sold by auction the right to cheat people, there would be vigorous bidding. That would not mean that people desire to be cheated.

Let us have faith in the justice of our cause. This country is not going to be a victim to the drink traffic for all that the present regime may do during the time of their brief authority.

The reports show that the Ganja shops are also being sold. Do the reasons set out in the Government Communique cover this baneful drug also?

This shows the limit to which their cussedness can take them."

Punjab Puzzle For League Chief: All About Name Of Ministry

(From Our Correspondent).

LAHORE, Dec. 8.

Will there be direct clash between Mr. Jinnah, the President of the All-India Muslim League, and the Governor of the Punjab?

According to well-informed circles connected with League politics, it is said that Mr. Jinnah has been informed by some of the Punjab Leaguers that it is not only the opposition of Sir Chhoturam or Malik Khizar Hyat Khan, the Punjab Premier, that stands in the way of changing the nomenclatures of the Ministry from Unionist to League, but some "secret hand" is pulling the wires. He was advised not to touch this question till he came to Lahore and saw things for himself. Sheikh Karamat Ali, a member of the Working Committee of the League from the Punjab, had given notice of a resolution about the nomenclatures of the Punjab Ministry, but he was advised by Mr. Jinnah to wait for the findings of the Sub-Committee appointed to examine the constitution of the League Assembly Party in the Punjab Legislature.

The findings of the Sub-Committee will not be made public: that is the first condition of the Punjab Premier to co-operate with the Sub-Committee. Moreover, he has told Mr. Jinnah that it is not possible for him to accept the verdict of the Sub-Committee unless it is discussed in the general meeting of his party.

This attitude of the Punjab Premier rather surprised Mr. Jinnah and his High Command. Sir Chhoturam and Sardar Baldev Singh Jat and the Sikh Ministers of the Punjab were all along present in New Delhi to advise the Premier. Mr. Jinnah is coming to Lahore after the Karachi Session of the League and will stay in the Punjab till the next Budget Session of the Punjab Legislative Assembly. He will personally organise the League and Parliamentary Party under his direct control.

It is further stated that he has lost his hopes in the Punjab Nawabs and Knights. The coming few months may change the entire League politics in the Punjab, but it is still to be seen if Mr. Jinnah will succeed in his mission.

Profiteering In Tooth Paste

NEW DELHI, Dec. 10.

Producers of tooth paste in British India are called upon, in a notification published in the Gazette of India under the Hoarding and Profiteering Prevention Ordinance, to furnish information to the Controller-General of Civil Supplies, New Delhi, on or before December 25, 1943, regarding monthly capacity (in tubes) at present and if all raw materials can be made available, cost of production, retail selling prices at which the producer expects each variety to be sold in the market and the margin between the cost of production and the retail selling price.

If the margin exceeds 20 per cent, reasons should be given justifying it. —A.P.

IMPLEMENTING ANTI-PROFITEERING ORDINANCE

Advisory Committees To Be Set Up

NEW DELHI, (By Mail).

Inquiries made with the Industries and Civil Supplies Department indicate that it is the intention of Government to operate the Anti-Hoarding-and-Profiteering Ordinance in consultation with all the interests concerned, particularly trade and consumers.

It is learned that Government intend to set up Advisory Committees in the Provinces in due course on which representatives of the trade will be invited to sit alongside representatives of consumers.

WHY RATIONING HAS SUCCEEDED IN BRITAIN

Sir Purshottamdas On Its Lessons For Government of India

Regarding examples which are being quoted in India as to the popularity of rationing in England, the following details given by Prof. J. R. Marrack, Professor of Chemical Pathology at London University will be useful to the public and require to be brought to the notice of the Government. The learned Professor described Britain's wartime diet at a meeting of the Food Education Society in London as "A Utopian dream come true". He said that the average London boy of twelve to-day was 2.4 inches taller than his father at the same age. The average girl was 2.1 inches taller and 13.4 lbs. heavier than her mother Despite the strain of war difficulties of supply infant mortality had dropped to the lowest on record, namely 49 per thousand. While the death rate had gone down from 12.1 to 11.6 the birth rate had risen from 14.9 to 15.8 per thousand. Lessons of dietetics gained in Britain, the Professor said, might prove one of the greatest contributions of the war. No wonder the Minister for Food, who devised and administered such a scientific system, was most popular in the U K. and won fullest co-operation from the public whenever he treated harshly those who broke food regulations.

The above facts prove how carefully the food problem in England has been conceived and devised. As against this, the rationing which is sought to be done in India is admitted not to have been devised on any scientific lines. People feel that what is being given to them under the Government control system is very second-class material, not to classify it any lower. The above facts ought to make the Government of india look more carefully into the quality of the grain which they distribute to the public. The average man in the street wonders as to what is in store for him with an indifferent monsoon if with normal, not to say bumper, crops this year, the quality which the people are to get for full payment is what it is to-day. And the general opinion is that what is being given out in big cities is a little better than what is being made available in other parts of India. Isn't there enough food for thought for the Government of India in view of the facts narrated by Prof. Marrack re: the U.K.?

I write this more with a view to bring home to the Government of India that it is not so much the people's fault if they don't take kindly to rationing. If the example of England is to be quoted and to be copied here, it should be copied fully, and not in indifferent dribblets as is being done to-day. In the absence of any check on the executive in the Provinces, it is doubly the duty of the Central Government to ensure that they do not force any indifferent quality or unjustified rate on the Provinces. The provisions of the Government of India Act of 1935 were not meant for purposes for which Provincial legislatures are being still kept out of action. In any case, no further continuation of these provisions would be justified when the question of (1) life or death or (2) health of the otherwise innocent masses is in the balance.

PURSHOTAMDAS THAKURDAS.

Demand Of Mahim Travelling Public

Thousands of people travel by B. B. & C. I. Railway from Mahim, but it is strange that there is no fast train for them either in the morning or in the evening, as a result of which they are put to great inconvenience. The railway authorities would do well to attend to this matter and make some provision for fast trains in the new time-table which is to come in force from January next.

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Munshi On Vikrama Bi-Millennium

CAWNPORE, Dec. 9.

Mr. K. M. Munshi, opening the Vikrama Bi-Millennium Celebrations this afternoon declared: "To us who are in bondage to a foreign master, Vikramaditya is not a historic memory nor a mere name of pride. He is something more. He is the symbol of Indian unity; the Chakravarti who stands for the aspirations of our nation. He stands for all which we take pride in the past, yearn for in the present and look forward to in the future; for that greatness which is born of a fusion of political power, national independence, social harmony and cultural magnificence."

Emphasising the unique place which Emperor Vikrama held in India in history Mr. Munshi said five generations of emperors in one family became defenders of the faith, of whom the greatest was Vikrama. Of them he was the symbol of India, free and strong, the homeland of culture and of righteousness.

After pointing out that the urge behind the celebrations was the upsurgence of a subconscious national motive Mr. Munshi said: "As we look back with pride upon the golden age of a departed Vikramaditya, so do we look forward to the greater age of a future Vikramaditya.

To the speaker Vikrama was an impelling conception, and therefore, a living faith. It was a faith of political power, strong and overarching, unsubjected to foreign power, emanating from and resting on our own strength; a faith inspired and supported by the genius of our own social order, and literary and aesthetic heritage; a faith which is founded on Dharma. Mr. Munshi explained, by 'Dharma' he meant not religion, not Hinduism, as they were taught to call it but it was a way of living. It was culture in its most comprehensive meaning.

Answering the question—what brings us together in the name of Vikrama—Mr. Munshi said they had assembled to seek expression of their supreme desire to be inspired by a faith in human endeavour as self discipline, leading man out of his limitation to become "the supreme" in this life.—A. P.

TÊTE-A-TÊTE

WITHOUT COMMENT—

WESMINSTER, Dec. 9.

Answering question in the House of Commons to-day why shipping space was used to consign a cargo of Whisky to Bombay when it was not found possible to send badly needed supplies of Quinine Mr. Amery said, "The ban which had previously been maintained on shipment of Spirits to India was lifted in September.

This has certainly not been at expense of Quinine which is produced in India and supplies there are adequate."—Reuter.

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In the House of Commons one Mr. Herbert Morrison refused to pass legislation in order to render Sir Oswald Mosley's past activities retrospectively criminal and waxed proudly eloquent over British conceptions of equity and criminal justice.

Which clearly convicts Morrison of dangerous and un-British inefficiency. The man should be sent out to New Delhi to learn how to carry out his responsibilities towards the public, its security, its individuals, etc., etc., in the true spirit of British equity and criminal justice

Or, better still Lord Linlithgow should be attached to the Home Office to give Morrison the benefit of his experience and Ordinance talents.

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Lord Strabolgi proposes to ask in the Lords whether in view of her illness, it is the intention of the Government of India to release Mrs. Gandhi from detention.

Such a subversive question clearly proves that Lord Strabolgi is worse even than an anti-Fascist. He appears actually to be anti-Imperialist.

Luckily, however, Parliament has no authority to interfere with the Government of India in the discharge of their great responsibilities.

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Our London correspondent reports that the Australian diplomat, Mr. Casey, currently British Minister of State in the Middle East, is the likeliest choice for the Governorship of Bengal.

And, after all why not? It's time, is it not, that the Dominions started sharing with Mother country the onerous task of ruling the Empire.

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Activities and speculations are, it appears from a Washington report, already in full swing in connection with the U.S. elections in 1944.

Personally we are not so much interested in following the tactics and chances of the rival parties, as amazed, simply amazed that Americans should forget the war and indulge in the seriously diversionary pastime of electioneering instead of extending the terms of the retiring President and Congressmen.

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Talking to the Foreign Press on the Cairo talks, the Turkish Foreign Minister, M. Menemencioglu said: "After having worked with very great frankness we reached thorough understanding."

Obviously Churchill saw Ismet Ineunu and remembered Curzon and Lausanne. And then the whole thing went along smoothly.

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Reporting a "warm farewell" scene at Teheran, Reuter's correspondent says that Mr. Churchill, clasping Marshal Stalin's hand said: "Good-bye Marshal Stalin and God bless you."

But how did Marshal Stalin reply?

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According to the Swedish Radio quoted by Reuter, Field Marshal Rommel is in Copenhagen with his staff.

Wonderful man this Rommel. He is everywhere, in Italy, in the Balkans, in Russia and now in Denmark.

RICE REQUISITIONING ORDER

Ratnagiri District Demands Its Withdrawal

A resolution requesting the Government of Bombay to rescind the order of the District Magistrate, Ratnagiri, requisitioning local agricultural products was passed at a largely attended meeting of the inhabitants of the Ratnagiri District residing in Bombay. The meeting was held under the auspices of the Ratnagiri District and Sawantwadi State Flood Relief Committee and was presided over by Dr. J. Collaco, former Mayor of Bombay.

The resolution "inter alia" stated that the order issued by the District Magistrate for requisitioning 15 per cent of the local product of paddy and 5 per cent of Nagli from each agriculturist was not in the interests of the agriculturists of the District. The resolution requests the Government of Bombay to rescind the order for requisitioning; to issue orders for import in the District of adequate amount of assimilable and digestable cereals, to order distribution of cereals through Government shops in the villages or through licensed dealers and to fix prices of cereals in consonance with the purchasing capacity of the masses of the District

The meeting also decided to send a deputation of seven representatives from the people of the Ratnagiri District residing in Bombay to wait upon His Excellency the Governor of Bombay.

AMERY ANSWERS QUESTIONS ON OFFICERS' PENSIONS

WESTMINSTER, Dec. 9.

Mr. Amery told the Commons to-day that any decision by the British Government regarding the pensionary position of Officers on the British Army would be given consideration in regard to pensions of British Officers of the Indian Army.

He had been asked whether he would examine the possibility of restoring the nine and a half per cent cut made in 1935 in the pensions of British Officers who served in the Indian Army.

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CITY MARKETS

Bombay, Dec. 10.

SHARES: The local Share Bazar was quietly steady and in the absence of any fresh development outside participation is absent. Today being delivery day there was a re. turnover and prices do not show any important change. Tata Steel Dfds opened at Rs. 1,917 and improved to Rs. 1,921. Ordinary shares were quoted at Rs. 391. Bombay Dyeing were quoted at Rs. 1933 and shares were placed at Rs. 967, Kohinoors changed hands at Rs 617.

TEXTILE SECTION: Ahmed. Advance 507-8, Apollo xd. 5-1-1/2, Bharat Mill 85-12, Bom Dyeing 1930, Cent. India 456-8, Century 961, Colaba 242, Dawn 1640, Edward Sassoon 767, Elphinstone 105, Finlay 335, Gokak 345, Hindustan 4100, Ind. Bleaching 232, Ind. Manfg. 4100, Ind. United Ordy. 20-12, do Defd 4-7, Indore Malwa 1157-8, Khatau xd. 402-8, Kohinoor 616, Laksmi 1685, Madhowji 29-14, Minerva 227-8, Model Nagpur 342-8, Madhusudan 550, Meyer Sassoon 233-12 Morarji 760, Mysore 280, New City 435, New Vreat 431-8, Phoenix 700, Poddar Mill 418-12, Sassoon Spg. 31-12 do Silk 102, Sholapur 8895, Simplex 2d2 Swadeshi 588, Swan 308, Tata Mills 75-8, Vishnu 2650, Shri Nivas 47-8, Western India 3700.

INS. SECTION: Bom. Life 207, Empire Life 807-8, Oriental 6000, Ind. Mercantile 90, Indust. and Prudent 38, Jupiter 27-8, New India 79-12, Vulcan 16-14.

HYDRO & ELEC. SECTIONS Ahmed. Elec. 202-8, Ajmere Elec. 14-4, And. Valley 1900, Bom. Suburban 200, Bom. Tram 146-12, Broach 13-12, Karachi 246, Poona 300, Surat 195-4, do New Rs. 50/Pd 70, Tata Hydro Ord. 203, Tata Power Ord. 1915.

BANK SECTION: Baroda Bank 147, Bank of India 224, Central Bank 90-4 Imperial P P 1980, do P P 502-8, Reserve Bank 129-6, Union 10-14 Habib Bank 87.

PRE. SHARES: 7 per cent And. Valley 1725, 6 per cent Bom. Steamer 437-8, 7 per cent do Tram 70, 5 per cent Cent. India 740, 6-1/2 per cent Jupiter 19-12 6-1/4 per cent. Prem. Const. 1st 138, 6-1/4 per cent do 2nd 135, 6-1/2 per cent Surat Elec 193-12, 6 per cent Tata I & S 1st 223-12, 7-1/2 per cent do 2nd 156 7 per cent do Hydro 176-4, 7-1/2 per cent do Power 1777, 7 per cent Vishnu 765.

DEBENTURES: 4 per cent. And. Valley 106, 4 per cent Tata Chem. 280, 4 per cent Tata Power 108, 6 per cent Marsland Price 121.

RAILWAY SECTION: Ahmed. Pranted 657-8 Cent. Pro. 109, Dhond Baramati 118, Hoshiarpur Doab 106. Mandra Bhon 103, Mymensingh Rebt. 105, do Btd. 104, Sara Sirajganj 105, Sialkot Narowal 123, do New 54, Upper Sind Lt. 116, Guzerat Rly. 97.

MISC. GROUP: Alembic Chem 350, Alcock Ashdown 500, Asso. Cement 227, Bom. Burma Old 432-8, do New 155, Bom. Steamer 667-8, Belapur 257-8, B B Petrol 3-6, Dena Invest. 27, Invest. Trust 63, Prem. Const. 237, Port Canning 104-2, Scindia 37-4, Shivrajpur 79, Tata Chem. 32-10, Tata Oil 86-8, Tata Ord. 392, Tata Defd 1917-8, Radio Ord. 501-4, do Defd 481-4, Wimco 325, B I C 6-6, Burma Corp. 3-12, Ind. Copper 2-12, do Iron 34-8, Steel Corp. 26-14, New Vict. Ord. 10-12, United Com Bank 70-8, Hindustan Com. Bank 62, Elphinstone Pref 215, Bradbury Ord. 372-8, do Pref 542-8.

GOVT. SECURITIES: 2-3/4 per cent 1948-52 Loan 99-12, 3-1/2 per cent G P Note 97-6, 3 per cent 1946 Def Loan 102-5, 3 per cent 1949-52 do 100-9; 3 per cent 1951-54 do 100-2, 3 per cent 1953-55 Def. 100-14-8, 3 per cent 1963-65 Loan 98-4, 3-1/2 per cent 1947-50 do 103-6, 4 per cent 1960-70 do 111-15, 4-1/2 per cent 1955-60 do 115-8.

CORP. DEBENTURES: 4 per cent B P T 1974 113, 4 per cent M. Deb 1974 113, 5 per cent do 1959 121, 6 per cent do 1954 130-2, 6 per cent K P T 1956 134.

TAX-FREE LOANS: 5 per cent 1945-55 Loan 106-3, 4 per cent 1953-63 Mysore 123, 5 per cent Mysore 1955 134.

BULLION: Yesterday London Gold was unchanged at 168-8-0. Dollar sterling cross rate was 4.02-1/2 to 4.03-1/2 at London and 4.03 at New York. London spot and forward silver quotations were unchanged at 23-1/2d and New York spot silver was quoted at 44-3/4 cents. The local market was quiet with a restricted turnover. The Bank is not offering any gold at lower price. Gold delivery after touching Rs. 74/10 declined to Rs. 74/4 and steadied at Rs. 74/6. Silver delivery business was done at Rs. 121/4.

There was increased liquidation in Silver and delivery quotation dropped to Rs. 120-9 but Gold was neglected and was quoted at Rs. 74-2. The market was very quiet. Closing Quotations: Reary Gold Rs. 74-14, delivery Rs. 73-13. Sovereigns Rs. 51-6 Ready Silver Rs. 121-6 delivery Rs. 120-8.

COTTON: The local market opened today at Rs. 466/8 for January delivery and advanced to Rs. 471/4 under moderate buying. Later on there was small profit taking and prices reacted to Rs. 469/8. It may be noted that prices are gradually reaching new higher levels but March option is keeping low which indicates that owing to small arrivals rear month is keeping steady while selling pressure is to be found in later deliveries.

Prices declined to Rs. 467/8 at continued liquidation but again improved to Rs. 469 on renewed support. The market closed at 6 p.m. as under:

I C C Jan Rs. 466; I C C Mar Rs. 462-8; I C C May Rs. 466.

COTTON PARITY: Indian cotton contract January is below New York January by 121 cent points at Exchange 331.

HIGH AND LOW COTTON PRICES
BOMBAY, Dec. 8

	High	Low	Close
I. C. C. Jan.	468/8	462/8	467
,, Mar	465	460/8	464/4
,, May	470	464/8	468/4

ACTIVE SHARES AT A GLANCE

Tata Steel Dfd. (1907/8) 1915 20 13 12 25 21/4 17/8, Tata Steel Ord. (390) 390/8 91 91/8 92, Dyeing (1923/12) 1927/8 30 32/8 28/12 30 31/4 30, Century (961) 964 67 65 67 65 66 64 65 61, Kohinoor (616) 618 17 18 17 18 16 17 16, Swadesh (586) 587 88 87 90 88, Nagpur (455) 456 57 56 58/8 57 56/8, Simplex (2c0) 282, New Great (431-8) 431, P. Const. (234) 235 36/8 33 34 37/8 27, Cement (224/8) 224/8 226/12 227.

RANJI TROPHY

BATTLE OF GIANTS COMMENCES AT STADIUM TO-DAY

By J. C. Maitra

The first match in the West Zone of the National Cricket Championship of India will commence at the Brabourne Stadium to-day. The contending parties are Baroda, the present holders of the Ranji Trophy and Bombay, who were the Champions a year ago but did not participate last season owing to the political crisis in the country. It is a great pity that two of the best teams in India will meet so early. But the present system of drawing ties makes it unavoidable. However it is expected to be a real battle of giants.

On the one hand we will have the cream of Bombay's cricket led by the redoubtable Vijay Merchant and on the other side there will be some of the finest cricketers the country can boast of. With Merchant and Ibrahim in the vanguard and Khot Rangnekar, Mody, Cooper and Anwar Hussain to follow up, we have a magnificent set of batsmen capable of piling up a huge total. The question is being asked everywhere whether Vijay Merchant would be able to overhaul Vijay Hazare's record of 316. There being no time limit to such a performance, this is quite possible. I have no doubt Merchant will make his best efforts to attain the distinction. It is equally possible that Ibrahim or some other batsman may rise to the occasion and achieve the glory.

On the other hand Baroda possesses the requisite talents to amass a colossal figure. Vijay Hazare and Adhikari have recently given a demonstration of their capabilities. They may repeat their performances even though their recent feats may have told on their physique. There are other batsmen in the team like Nimbalkar, M. M. Nayudu, C. S. Nayudu, W. R. Ghorpade, the Skipper, and Vikram Hazare who may worry our bowlers a good deal.

It is going to be a trial of strength between the batsmen and spin bowlers, because neither side claims to have a fast trundler in its ranks. C. S. Nayudu and C. I. Sarwate will now be in opposite camps to compete in their destructive abilities. Nayudu will have Vijay Hazare to back him up, while Sarwate will be supported by Garudachar, M. N. Raiji and Khot. The Bombay selectors seem to be so sure of their batting strength that they replaced a batsman in Mistry with a bowler in Raiji. Comparatively speaking, Bombay has a better bowling stock than the visitors. A lot will depend on the fielding, particularly in the ability to hold catches in any case, the match will be a memorable one and therefore will be worth going a long way to see. I expect Bombay's cricket lovers will show during the next few days their true love for the game by attending it in their thousands.

NEW YORK COTTON
NEW YORK, Dec. 9.
To-day's Price

December 19.41; January 19.21—02; March 19.31—02; May 19.13—01; July 18.89—02; October 18.67—03; March Highest 19.35 (10 a.m.) Lowest 19.24—09 (10-9 a.m.): Middling spot 20.18.

NEW ORLEANS COTTON

December 19.50—04; January 19.45—02; March 19.50—01; May 19.30—02; July 19.07—05; October 18.69—05; Middling spot 19.36.

NEW YORK COTTON
Noon Call

December unquoted; March 19.28; May 19.09.

AMERICAN COTTON CROP

The preliminary American cotton crop estimate issued on Wednesday was as under:—

	1st Dec.	1st Nov.
Yield	252-0	253-4
Production	11,478,000	11,442,000
Ginned	10,560,000	99,31,000

Comparison with previous seasons:—

	1943/44	1942/43	1941/42
Yield	250-0	275-1	285-1
Production	11,478,000	12,932,000	10,976,000
Ginned	10,560,000	11,539,000	9,596,000

Area harvest 21,074,000 acres and abondonment 13 per cent.

SURPRISE FOR CORPORATION

Congress Councillors' Right To Visit V. J. T. I. With Governor Questioned

A sensation was created by Mr. R. K. Tatnis in the Municipal Corporation on Friday when he drew the attention of His Worship the Mayor, Mr M R. Masani, to the photo of Mr. I. S. Patel and Mr. Gordhandas G. Morarji which appeared in certain newspapers in Bombay with H.E. the Governor during his visit to the V.J.T. Institute on Wednesday. Mr. Tatnis wanted to know in what capacity these two Congressmen who were Municipal Councillors happened to go to the V.J.T. Institute at the time the Governor was paying a visit to that Institute.

Elucidating his point, Mr. Tatnis said that Mr. I. S. Patel was not a member of the V.J.T. Institute Board and as such he should not have gone there at all. In regard to Mr. Gordhandas G. Morarji, he said that though he was elected by the Corporation on the V.J.T. Institute Board, he ceased to be a member there since the Corporation discontinued its annual grant to that institution. Mr. Tatnis, therefore, wanted to know in what capacity these two Councillors went to the V.J.T. Institute since they were not authorised by the Corporation to do so.

The Mayor replied that as this matter was not before the House for discussion he would not say anything, and proceeded with the item under discussion forthwith.

The House then passed the resolution moved by Mr. I. S. Patel to provide facilities to the public with a view to ensuring the safety of the bathers by providing a rope fencing in the sea waters, life saving apparatus and life guards on the foreshore at Chowpatty.

The House then adjourned till Monday.

The Half-Column "By Dim"

I got Mr. E. J. Turner where I wanted. He writes to say: "Being a native of Devon (England) I claim my birthright as an Englishman....."

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Apropos Mr. Turner, an INDIAN writes:

Dear Dim,

We Indians have our respect for Bengal and if Mr. Turner tries to make capital out of that, he is merely increasing the dislike that so many have for what has been called 'communal sport'. I know that my sentiments will be echoed by thousands who deliberately went to see these matches because of Bengal. Such letters as the one you have published only confirm the opinion of some people that Bengal was used as a bait this year. There will be no more good causes so far as we are concerned.

Yours, etc.,
V. S. D.

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A correspondent writes to ask what is the difference between a book and a brochure. Unable to answer this question myself, I rang up the Gentleman from Dash Dash Road and he tells me that a book is what you get from Thackers and a "broachure" is what you buy at Gazdar Bros. Is that clear?

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The new Oxford Pamphlets on Home Affairs include: "English Law" by J. L. Brierly, my one-time Professor; "Britain's Future Population" by that young Oxford Don, R. F. Harrod; and "Will the war make us Poorer"? by Michael Young and Henry. A. Bunbury. They make good reading.

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		22	11- 3-9	0- 9-9
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43. SITUATIONS WANTED

Graduate Journalist able writer experienced editing, publicity, advertising seeks work. Reply Box No. 3476, "Bombay Chronicle."

62. TO BE LET

Bungalows To Let. Furnished Bombay and Suburbs. Also for sale, vacant possession assured. Please see Bharat House Agency, Tamarind Lane. 3468

327 AGENTS WANTED

Applications are invited from respectable and influential persons wishing to take up Chief Agency for the Province of Bombay. For particulars write to Napier Insurance Co. Ltd. Commercial Buildings, Clive Street, Calcutta. (7090)

PUBLIC NOTICES

THE PATIALA CEMENT COMPANY, LIMITED.
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The Liability of the members is Limited).

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Directors have resolved to declare an Interim Dividend for the half-year ended 30th September, 1943, at the rate of Rs. 2/8/- per share (Free of Income-Tax). The said Dividend will be payable at the Registered Office of the Company at Surajpur, Patiala State, on and after Monday, the 17th January, 1944 to those Shareholders whose names stand on the Register of the Company on Monday, the 10th January, 1944.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 3rd January to MONDAY, the 10th January, 1944, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
For The Patiala Cement Company, Ltd.,
CEMENT AGENCIES, LTD.,
Managing Agents.
J. H. PATEL,
Managing Director.
29th November, 1943. (7132)

NOTICE

BOMBAY-SIND PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION invite applications by *8-1-1944, except from those who had applied previously,* for post of *Professor of Pathology, Grant Medical College, and Pathologist, J. J. Group of Hospitals. Pay.*— Rs. 300-850 *plus* special pay Rs. 100 and allowance. *Qualifications.*— M. D. (Bom.) or equivalent qualification *and* 4 years' experience of teaching Pathology. *Age.*—Ordinarily not more than 35 on *1-4-1944,* except for Bombay Government servants. Application form supplied on receipt of *large* addressed envelope with 3½ annas stamps and *uncrossed* Postal Order for Re. 1 payable to "Secretary, Bombay-Sind Public Service Commission," Bombay, who will also supply full details on request. 7131

NOTICE.

Wanted: Staff Nurses—Pay Rs. 60—5—100 p.m. each. Board Allowance Rs. 30/- p. m. plus Rs. -8- per day each. Uniform allowance Rs. 10/- p. m. and Dearness Allowance Rs. 12/- p. m. each, with free furnished quarters. Apply at once with copies of certificates to the Lady Superintendent, Lady Willingdon Hospital, Lahore. The candidates must be registered in the Punjab as general trained Nurses and Midwives. (6836)

SOCIAL

For Pen, Personal Friends, Different Hobbies, please write to 'Introductions', Post Box 1115, Bombay. 3471

191. MEDICAL ADLETS

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BOOKS

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Wanted—100 KW. D. C. Generator, 100 to 110 volts, complete with switch board, either in one or two units to make up total amperage of 1,000 or thereabouts. Please communicate full particulars, lowest price and place of inspection to Box No. 3452, "Bombay Chronicle."

FINANCE & PARTNERSHIP

Wanted to invest Rs. 80 to 90,000 on sound properties. Apply Box No. 3459, 'Bombay Chronicle.'

651 MISCELLANEOUS ADLETS

Gujerat Art & Music Circle. Vocal Music by Sangitratna Mallikarjuna Mansur at 10 p.m., Saturday the 11th, Laxmibaug, New Bhatwadi. 3467

Wanted Billiard Table with necessary accessories in good condition on hire or sale. Apply with particulars Box No. 3433, "Bombay Chronicle."

653. MISCELLANEOUS WANTED

Wanted Iron pillars and structures for building Cinema Theatre—secondhand or new—Apply Box No. 3481, "Bombay Chronicle."

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PUBLIC NOTICES

KIRLOSKAR BROTHERS, LTD., KIRLOSKARVADI (AUNDH STATE)

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the TWENTY-THIRD ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Company will be held in the Business Office of the Company at Kirloskarvadi (Aundh State) on WEDNESDAY, the 29th December, 1943 at 3-30 p.m. (S.T.) to transact the following business:—

1. To receive and adopt the Directors' Report, audited Balance-sheet and Profit & Loss Account made upto 31st July 1943.
2. To sanction the declaration of a Dividend.
3. To elect the Directors in the place of Mr. B. B. Sardesai, B.A. LL.B. and Mr. V. P. Varde, B. Com., who retire by rotation and they offer themselves for re-election.
4. To appoint Auditor or Auditors for current year and to fix his or their remuneration
5. To transact any other business the Chairman may bring before the Meeting.

The Share Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 25th December, 1943 to the 8th January, 1944 both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
KIRLOSKAR SONS & CO.,
Managing Agents
Kirloskarvadi (Aundh State)
Date, 8th December, 1943.

N. B.— (1) After the sanction of the Dividend in the above General Meeting, for the convenience of the Shareholders, the Dividend Warrants or the Money Orders for the amount of the Dividend will be sent after the 15th February, 1944 to those Shareholders whose names are on the Register on the 29th December, 1943, serially according to the Alphabetical order.

(2) If the amount of Dividend exceeds Rs. 50/- the Dividend Warrants on the Bombay Provincial Co-operative Bank, Ltd., Branch Kirloskarvadi, will be sent and the amount of Dividend less than Rs. 50/- will be remitted by Money Order.

(3) The Shareholders should immediately inform the Company the change in their address. 7139

NOTICE

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED for the undermentioned temporary posts in connection with the Bombay Rural Broadcasting Scheme.

1. Technical Assistants. Pay Rs. 150-10-250. Candidates should not be over 30 years of age. Qualifications:—A University degree in Electrical Engineering or Science with a Special knowledge of wireless and some practical experience of Wireless or Electrical Engineering. Sound experience in servicing and the maintenance of Radio receivers is necessary.
2. Supervisors. Pay Rs. 60-5-120. Candidates should not be over 30 years of age. Qualifications:—A candidate should at least be a Matriculate with some recognised theoretical qualifications in wireless with at least two years experience in the servicing and the maintenance of Radio receivers.

Canvassing would be a disqualification.

Applications should be addressed to the Director, All-India Radio, Government of India Offices, Bombay, so as to reach him not later than the 20th December, 1943. (7109)

JUHU MUNICIPALITY

NOTICE

THE MUNICIPALITY of Juhu propose to increase the quarterly rate of Wheel Tax on Motor Car, Motor Bus, Motor Lorry under 2 tons and Motor Lorry weighing 2 tons and over to Rs. 25/-, 30/-, 35/- and 40/- respectively. But the person owning more than one vehicle of the above description shall be charged Rs. 20/-, 25/-, 30/- and 35/- respectively per each additional vehicle per quarter instead of at the above rates.

The copy of the proposed revised schedule of rates and the existing rules and schedule can be seen in the Municipal Office, Juhu during office hours.

Any inhabitants of the Municipal District objecting to the proposed increase in rates may, within one month from the date of this notice, send his objections in writing to the Municipality.

(Sd.) D. K. RANE,
President,
Juhu Municipality.
No. 881 of 1943-44.
Municipal Office.
Juhu, 8th Dec., 1943. 7133

THE BOMBAY ELECTRIC SUPPLY & TRAMWAYS CO., LTD.

LOST TEMPORARY RECEIPT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Temporary Receipt No. 53762 in respect of Five ordinary shares Nos. 80673 to 80677 of the Bombay Electric Supply and Tramways Co., Ltd. standing in the name of Manilal Haribhai has been LOST, MISLAID or DESTROYED. Any claim in respect of these shares should be notified to the Company at their Registered Office, Electric House, Post Fort, Bombay No. 1 within 15 days from the date hereof, otherwise a duplicate temporary receipt will be issued irrespective of any claim in respect thereof.

Dated 10-12-43. (7141)

PUBLIC NOTICES

THE SCINDIA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that fifty Share Certificates of this Company Nos. 546901-12, 235841-55 263038-42, 87301, 455745-47, 216184-93, 159116-17, 21972-73 standing in the name of Mr. Laxmidas Pitamber have been LOST or MISLAID.

Any person having claim over the said shares should notify same to the Registered Office of the Company, Scindia House, Ballard Estate, Bombay, within eight days from this day otherwise duplicate certificates will be issued to the above-named.

NAROTTAM MORARJEE & Co., Agents.
Bombay, 11th December, 1943. (7137)

THE PRESIDENCY PRINTING PRESS

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that my client Mr. SHIVARAO KRISHNARAO BIJUR, the erstwhile sole proprietor of the Presidency Printing Press has admitted with effect from 1-12-43 as partners with him in the said Press and the business thereof his wife Bai Rukmabai, his daughter, Bai Mirabai, wife of Savkoor Ramchandra Rao and his son-in-law Savkoor Ramchandra Rao alias S. Ramchandra Rao.

Bombay, 10-12-43.
B. G. PADHYE,
Advocate for S. K. Bijur. 7136

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ALL that piece of leasehold land with the dwelling house standing thereon situate at Surat Street admeasuring 483 or thereabouts, registered under C. S. No. 79 of Princess Dock Division. D Ward No. 5363 (1). Street Nos. 33, 35, 37 and 39.

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PANTH PIPLODA: Secretary, Provincial Selection Board, Indore.

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